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Sir:

This is a timely reply to an Office Action dated April 28, 2004. As no claims have been added, and no extension fee is required, no fees are enclosed herewith. If any additional fee is due, please charge the fee to deposit account no. 07-1732.

ELECTION

The applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Invention I (claims 1-26), drawn to a Jig Assembly. The applicant, while maintaining the above traversal, also elects Species II of the Jig (shown in Fig. 5), Species B of the Drill Guide (shown in Fig. 14), and Species i of the Gauge (shown in Fig. 15). Claims 1-26 read on the elected invention. More particularly, claims 1-9 and 13-26 read on the elected Jig, claims 10 and 12 read on the elected Gauge, and claim 11 reads on the Drill Guide.